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such as information assurance and cyber war, Carter said.

“It’s becoming more and more critical that we protect all of our new systems that are Web based and communications dependent, because if those are shut down, we can go blind,” he explained. “The United States holds the high ground on how that kind of technology is integrated into warfare.”

Consequently, the team looked at items such as password and antivirus protection and preventing computer hackers.

The colonel emphasized that the ORI is

merely a snapshot of the wing’s capabilities over the four days the team inspected.

“Our rating system is subjective. We have no objective criteria to go by. There are no pre-determined final inspection ratings criteria. What we look to see is if a wing stumbles, or makes a mistake, how well and quickly did they recover and turn that downfall into a strength.”

He said the PACAF CINC’s approach to inspections, and findings, is positive.

“Gen. (Patrick) Gamble’s approach from a commander’s and staff perspective is what is it that we can do to provide

proper guidance, manning, supervision and resources in order to help the wing do its job better,” Carter explained.

In addition, another goal is to finalize the inspection report quickly and get it on to the PACAF IG Web site so that other PACAF bases can see how the IG team will evaluate them. It’s posted within three days of the report being finalized.

“We are writing the inspection reports for the eight other wings in PACAF so they know what Gen. Gamble thinks is important. Our goal is to make the inspections systematic in the command,” he said.



Photo By Staff Sgt. Jerry Morrison, 8th CS/VI

, adjusts a fin on a AIM-120 air-to-air missile.

Right: Staff Sgt. Richard Ortiz, 8th Communications Squadron, checks M-8 paper around his facility for signs of chemical contamination after an attack. Below: The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight prepare to battle a simulated fire at the Reception Processing Unit (RPU) at the Seabreeze during the Operational Readiness Inspection.



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Above: Master Sgt. Paula Harris and Staff Sgt. Teni Hodge, both from the 8th Fighter Wing, are apprehended as enemy prisoners-of-war. Left: (From left to right) Tech.I Sgt. Kevin Koontz, Staff Sgt. Michael Valfre, Senior Airman Paul Hasbrouck and Airman First Class Lawrence Busch, 607th Combat Communications Squadron, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, sweep their area for opposing forces at Wolf Pack Park.